REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6-10 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4, and 6-10 are amended. Claims 2-3 and 5 are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

The Drawings are objected to. The drawing objection may be overcome by amending Claim 5, or by adding the "two plates" feature to the drawing(s).   Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to provide an adequate written description. Claim 7 is objected to due to a typo. Applicant has canceled Claim 5 and corrected the typo in Claim 7 to remove the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1-2, 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nounoue et al (6,224,563).

However, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 3 and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, if any, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all the limitations of the original Claims 1, 2, and 3. Thus, Claim 1 should now be allowable. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled. Claims 5 and 9, which depend from Claim 1, should now also become allowable. A dependent claim should be considered allowable when its parent claim is allowed. In re McCam, 101 U.S.P.Q. 411 (CCPA 1954).
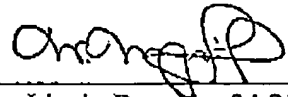
Applicant has also amended Claim 6 to include all the limitations of the original Claims 1, 2, and 6. Thus, Claim 6 is now be allowable. Claims 7 and 8, which depend from Claim 6, should now also become allowable.

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the

Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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